

(B) move forward with purpose, united tirelessly as “one Nation . . . indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

**SENATE RESOLUTION 89—CONGRATULATING THE OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL ON ITS 80TH YEAR**

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 89

Whereas 2015 marks the 80th anniversary of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, a major theater arts organization in Ashland, Oregon, founded by Angus L. Bowmer in 1935;

Whereas the Oregon Shakespeare Festival is one of the oldest and largest professional nonprofit theaters in the United States;

Whereas Samuel Johnson wrote that William Shakespeare is “above all writers, at least above all modern writers . . . the poet that holds up to his readers a faithful mirror of manners and of life”;

Whereas William Shakespeare has had an extraordinary impact on culture and politics in the United States, including in the Senate;

Whereas the Tony Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival includes performances not only of the works of Shakespeare but also of the works of classic and contemporary playwrights;

Whereas since its founding, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival has presented, on its Ashland, Oregon stages, 29,300 performances to more than 15,000,000 audience members;

Whereas the Oregon Shakespeare Festival serves as a cornerstone of the economy of southwest Oregon and the entire Pacific Northwest, providing jobs for more than 500 individuals and nearly 700 volunteers and attracting tourists throughout the United States and the world; and

Whereas the Oregon Shakespeare Festival is committed to the inclusion of diverse people, ideas, cultures, and traditions: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on its 80th year;

(2) recognizes and commends the cultural, economic, and social value provided by the work of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival; and

(3) expresses support for the continued success of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 90—DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2015 AS “AMERICAN HEART MONTH” AND FEBRUARY 6, 2015, AS “NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY”**

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FISCHER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 90

Whereas heart disease affects men, women, and children of every age and race in the United States;

Whereas heart disease continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States, taking the lives of approximately 600,000 in-

dividuals in the United States each year and accounting for 1 in 4 deaths in the United States;

Whereas congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect in the United States, as well as the leading killer of infants with birth defects;

Whereas more than 1 in 3 adult men and women have some form of cardiovascular disease;

Whereas every year an estimated 735,000 individuals in the United States have a heart attack;

Whereas heart disease and stroke account for \$320,000,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost productivity annually;

Whereas heart disease and stroke will account for \$918,000,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost productivity annually by 2030;

Whereas individuals in the United States have made great progress in reducing the death rate for coronary heart disease, but this progress has been more modest with respect to such death rate of women and minorities;

Whereas many people do not recognize that heart disease is the number 1 killer of women in the United States, taking the lives of more than 290,000 such women in 2010, and nearly 2/3 of women who unexpectedly die of heart disease have no previous symptoms of disease;

Whereas nearly half of all African-American adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, including 48 percent of African-American women and 46 percent of African-American men;

Whereas many minority women, including African-American, Hispanic, Asian-American, and Native-American women and women from indigenous populations, have a greater prevalence of risk factors or are at a higher risk of death from heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases, but such women are less likely to know of this risk;

Whereas between 1965 and 2015, treatment of cardiovascular disease for women has largely been based on medical research on men;

Whereas due to the differences in heart disease between males and females, more research and data on the effects of heart disease treatments for women is vital;

Whereas extensive clinical and statistical studies have identified major and contributing factors that increase the risk of heart disease;

Whereas the major risk factors, identified by such studies, include high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, smoking tobacco products, exposure to tobacco smoke, physical inactivity, obesity, and diabetes mellitus;

Whereas an individual can greatly reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease through lifestyle modification coupled with medical treatment when necessary;

Whereas greater awareness and early detection of risk factors of heart disease can improve and save the lives of thousands of individuals in the United States each year;

Whereas under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to provide for the designation of the month of February in each year as ‘American Heart Month’”, approved December 30, 1963 (36 U.S.C. 101), Congress requested that the President issue an annual proclamation designating February as “American Heart Month”;

Whereas the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, and many other organizations celebrate “National Wear Red Day” during February by “going red” to increase awareness about

heart disease as the leading killer of women; and

Whereas every year since 1964, the President has issued a proclamation designating the month of February as “American Heart Month”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of “American Heart Month” and “National Wear Red Day”;

(2) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment in the United States to fighting heart disease and stroke by—

(A) promoting awareness about the causes, risks, and prevention of heart disease and stroke;

(B) supporting research on heart disease and stroke; and

(C) expanding access to medical treatment;

(3) commends the efforts of States, territories and possessions of the United States, localities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and other entities, and the people of the United States who support “American Heart Month” and “National Wear Red Day”; and

(4) encourages every individual in the United States to learn about their individual risk for heart disease.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 91—DESIGNATING MARCH 2, 2015, AS “READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY”**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, of Rhode Island and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 91

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and is a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance, including through the programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) and through annual appropriations for library and literacy programs; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to designate March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel (also known as “Dr. Seuss”), as a day to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2, 2015, as “Read Across America Day”;

(2) honors Theodor Geisel (also known as “Dr. Seuss”) for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) honors the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Read Across America Day;

(4) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of the commitment of the Senate to building a country of readers; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States to observe Read Across America Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.